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REMARKS

The present Response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1-25 have been rejected. Claims 1, 14, 19, 22, 23 and 24 have been amended. Claim 26 has been added.

Claims 23 and 24 have been voluntarily amended for clarification purposes only. This amendment does not narrow the scope of the claims, nor is it being made for reasons of patentability.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicant has amended the specification to correct typographic errors. The amendments are editorial in nature and no new matter has been added.

The Telephone Interview

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiners, Beverly Meindl Flanagan and Matthew John Kasztejna, for granting and attending the telephone interview with Applicant's representative, Caleb Pollack, Reg. No. 37,912 and Rachel Bentov, a representative of the assignee of the application on March 14, 2005. In the interview, Applicant's representatives discussed with Examiners Flanagan and Kasztejna amendments to the independent claims that would make the claims allowable over the prior art or record. Specifically, Applicant's representatives discussed amending independent claims claim 1, 14, 19 and 22 to include limitations relating to using a housing to store the moveable arm or other device. After

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discussing the rejections and the proposed amendments, Examiners Flanagan and Kasztejna agreed that the claims including the proposed amendments would be allowable over the prior art rejections of record. Applicant's representatives agreed to submit the amendments in an Amendment.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regard as the invention. Claim 24 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Applicant thus requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection Based on Ng

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-9, 12, 14-15, 17, 19-20 and 22-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,162,171 to Ng et al. ("Ng"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejections of claims 1-3, 5-9, 12, 14-15, 17, 19-20 and 22-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Ng in view of the remarks that follow.

During the March 14, 2005 interview, the Examiner and Applicant's representatives agreed on amendments that would overcome the prior art of record.

Applicant's independent claim 1, as amended, includes, inter alia, a "housing configured to store the moveable arm and said movable arm configured to be coiled when stored within the housing" Applicant's independent claim 14, as amended, includes, inter alia, a "housing configured to store the movable proboscis and said movable proboscis configured to be coiled when stored within the housing." Applicant's independent claim 19, as amended, includes inter alia a "housing configured to store the movable means and said movable means configured to be coiled when stored within the housing." Applicant's independent claim 22, includes, inter alia a "housing configured to store the arm extending from the device and said

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arm extending from the device configured to be coiled when stored within the housing.” Ng does not disclose a housing configured to store the moveable arm and said movable arm configured to be coiled when stored within the housing as is required in Applicant's independent claim 1, as amended. Ng does not disclose a housing configured to store the movable proboscis and said movable proboscis configured to be coiled when stored within the housing as is required in Applicant's independent claim 14, as amended. Ng does not disclose a housing configured to store a movable means and said movable means configured to be coiled when stored within the housing as is required by each of Applicant's independent claim 19, as amended. Ng does not disclose a housing configured to store an arm extending from the device and said arm extending from the device configured to be coiled when stored within the housing as is required in Applicant's independent claim 22.

In order for a reference to anticipate a claim under 15 U.S.C. 102(b), the reference must teach every element of the claim. Applicants assert that Ng does not teach every element of Applicant's independent claims 1, 14, 19, and 22 as amended. Applicant therefore asserts that independent claims 1, 14, 19, and 22 as amended are allowable over Ng.

As discussed, Applicant's independent claims 1, 14, 19, and 22, as amended are allowable. Each of dependent claims 2, 3, 5-9, 12, 15, 17, 20, 22 and 23 depend directly or indirectly from one of independent claims 1, 14, 19, and 22. Dependent claims 2, 3, 5-9, 12, 15, 17, 20, 22 and 23 thereby include all of the elements of the claims from which they depend. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-9, 12, 14-15, 17, 19-20 and 22-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Ng.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection Based on Grundfest

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 10-11 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,662,587 to Grundfest et al. (“Grundfest”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejections of claims 10-11 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Grundfest in view of the remarks that follow.

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As discussed above, Applicant's claims 1 and 14, as amended, are allowable over Ng. Grundfest does not cure the deficiencies of Ng; similar to the reasons discussed above relative to Ng, Grundfest also does not teach all the limitations of claims 1 and 14, as amended.

As discussed, Applicant's independent claims 1 and 14 as amended are allowable. Each of dependent claims 10-11 and 18 depend directly or indirectly from one of independent claims 1 or 14. Dependent claims 10-11 and 18 thereby include all of the elements of the claims from which they depend. Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 10-11 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Grundfest.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection Based on Ouchi

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 4, 16, 21 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,402,686 to Ouchi et al. ("Ouchi"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejections of claims 4, 16, 21 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Ouchi in view of the remarks that follow.

As discussed above, Applicant's claims 1, 14, 19 and 22, as amended, are allowable over Ng. Ouchi does not cure the deficiencies of Ng; similar to the reasons discussed above relative to Ng, Ouchi also does not teach all the limitations of claims 1, 14, 19 and 22, as amended.

As discussed, Applicant's independent claims 1, 14, 19 and 22 as amended are allowable. Each of dependent claims 4, 16, 21 and 25 depend directly or indirectly from one of independent claims 1, 14, 19 and 22. Dependent claims 4, 16, 21 and 25 thereby include all of the elements of the claims from which they depend. Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 4, 16, 21 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Ouchi.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection Based on Kim

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 13 under 35 U.S.C § 102(b), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,719,684 to Kim et al. ("Kim"). Applicant respectfully

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traverses this rejection of claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Kim in view of the remarks that follow.

As discussed above, Applicant's claim 1 as amended is allowable over Ng. Kim does not cure the deficiencies of Ng; similar to the reasons discussed above relative to Ng, Kim also does not teach all the limitations of claim 1 as amended.

As discussed, Applicant's independent claim 1 as amended is allowable. Dependent claim 13 depends directly or indirectly from independent claim 1. Dependent claim 13 thereby includes all of the elements of the claim from which it depends. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Kim.

New Claim

Applicants have added claim 26 to clarify what Applicants regard as the invention. Applicant's independent claim 26, includes, inter alia, "an arm extending from the device ...; said housing configured to store the arm and said arm configured to be coiled when stored within the housing." None of the prior art of record alone or in combination teaches this limitation. Applicants assert that new claim 26 is allowable.

Conclusion

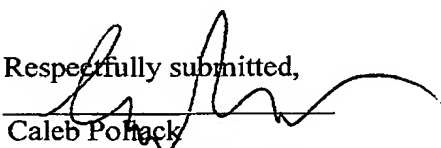
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Response and Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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Please charge the \$200 due for the new independent claim 26 to deposit account No. 50-3355. No additional fees we believe to be due associated with this paper, if any such fees are due, please charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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